

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains an extract obtained by: crushing and drying anyone selected from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix; extracting the dried herbal material with alcohol or aqueous alcohol solution; filtering the extract; and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure.

2. (Original) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains a mixture of extracts from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix, the amount of each of the herbal extracts being 5-85% by weight based on 100% by weight of the herbal extract mixture.

3. (Original) A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains an herbal extract mixture obtained by: crushing and drying each of Euphorbiae Radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix: mixing the crushed herbal materials together, each of the herbal materials being used at an amount of 5-85% by weight based on the total weight of the herbal materials taken as 100% by weight: extracting the herbal mixture with alcohol or aqueous alcohol solution; filtering the extract; and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure.

4. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in ~~anyone of~~ Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 3.

5. (Currently Amended) A functional food for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in ~~anyone of~~ Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 3.

6. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in ~~anyone of~~ Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 3.

7. (Currently Amended) A functional food for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, an extract obtained as claimed in ~~anyone of~~ Claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 3.

8. (Original) A composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol isolated from Magnolia bark, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (Original) The composition of Claim 8, wherein the magnolol is obtained by: extracting Magnolia bark with 80% ethanol aqueous solution at ambient temperature for 24 hours; systematically separating the extract in the order of normal-hexane, ethyl acetate and normal-butanol; selecting the normal-hexane layer 20 and separating the selected layer into pre-fractions by normal silica gel chromatography; comparing the pre-fractions with the standard form magnolol on TLC to determine a magnolol-enriched

fraction; and separating magnolol from the magnolol-enriched fraction by silica gel column chromatography.

10. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in Claim 8.

11. (Original) A functional food for the prevention or treatment of diabetic complications, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in Claim 8.

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention and 35 delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in Claim 8.

13. (Original) A functional food for the prevention and delay of aging, which contains, as an active ingredient, magnolol obtained as claimed in Claim 8.